

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An electro-hydraulic power steering apparatus comprising:
a motor having a rotational shaft and provided with a first bearing for rotatably bearing the rotational shaft;

a hydraulic pump disposed at one end of the rotational shaft of the motor and driven by the motor, so as to provide a steering force for the electro-hydraulic power steering apparatus;

a first elastic body for supporting the first bearing; ~~and~~

a second elastic body for pressing the first bearing in an axial direction; and

a control circuit for controlling excitation of the motor, the control circuit disposed between the motor and the hydraulic pump,

wherein the first elastic body and the second elastic body are separate elements.

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented): The electro-hydraulic power steering apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of bearings are provided comprising a second bearing on a side of the shaft having the hydraulic pump, and the first bearing, which is disposed opposite the hydraulic pump; and

the second bearing has a larger size than the first bearing.

4. (previously presented): The electro-hydraulic power steering apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first bearing is disposed on the shaft opposite the hydraulic pump, the first bearing having an outer ring;

the first bearing is accommodated by a receiving portion, defining a gap between an outer diameter of the first bearing and an inner diameter of the receiving portion; and

the gap accommodates the first elastic body and the second elastic body, said second elastic body presses the outer ring in the axial direction.

5. (original): The electro-hydraulic power steering apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second elastic body includes at least one of a wave washer and a disc spring.

6. (original): The electro-hydraulic power steering apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the second elastic body further includes an elastic body for pressing at least one of the wave washer and the disc spring in the axial direction.

7. (previously presented): The electro-hydraulic power steering apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first elastic body is an o-ring and the second elastic body is a wave washer.

8. (previously presented): The electro-hydraulic power steering apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first bearing is disposed on an end of the shaft opposite the hydraulic pump, such that the second elastic body exerts an axial force on the bearing in a direction towards the hydraulic pump.